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WAH YAN COLLEGE PROGRESS REPORTED

900 STUDENTS ATTEND IN THE PAST YEAR

Prizes Presented By Mr. D. J. Sloss

An enrolment of 900 students during the past year was reported by the Rev. Father Gallagher, Rector and Headmaster, at the annual speech day of the Wah Yan College on Saturday.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Mr. D. J. Sloss, distributed the prizes, and among those present was His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote.

FR. GALLAGHER'S ADDRESS

In his address, the Very Rev. Fr. R. W. Gallagher, S.J., Ph.D., Rector and Headmaster, said:—

"Mr. Sloss, Your Excellency, Rev. Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen.—Our Prize Day this time is rather late. We had intended holding it, as usual, on the last day of the winter term, for which date Class I devoted much time to the preparation of a play, when a call for public service put all thoughts of a Distribution out of our minds. The sudden influx of refugees taxed the charitable organisations of the Colony to the utmost. Volunteers were called for to cope with the situation and Class I responded. What they did you have just heard. I am not going to add to the story, but I wish to take this opportunity of thanking them publicly for the splendid work they accomplished. When asked to sanction the undertaking I immediately did so, for I realized the value of what they were about to do. Not only would it bring them into contact with suffering and sorrow and so develop sympathy for others, but it would bring the blessing of God on them and their work. 'What you do to the least of these my brethren you do unto Me.'"

"Our last Prize day was held in the Queen's Theatre on Dec. 21, 1937, when His Excellency the Governor, just lately arrived in the Colony, did us the signal honour of giving away the Certificates and Awards. Two plays 'The Bishop's Candlesticks' in Chinese and an abbreviated version of 'Macbeth' in English were staged and won a high meed of praise from those who saw them."

"The College during the year under review had an enrolment of over 900. Our accommodation was stretched to its limit, and many hundreds of applicants had to be refused. From the College point of view this flood of applications is very welcome, as it enables a good selection to be made. One feels, however, a real regret that so many have to be turned down, especially just now when one would like to do all one can, for it ever the youth of China had need of our assistance and charity it is to-day. Owing to the losses sustained by the families of many of our boys, the number that are admitted free or on reduced fees has shown a

marked increase on that of the previous year.

ATTENDANCE OVER 96%

"The average attendance for the year was over 96 per cent. In this connection it is, perhaps, worth making a remark which though it must have suggested itself to those in charge of schools does not usually find expression in Headmasters' speeches. It is this: the industry, discipline, and regularity of the ordinary Chinese student are very remarkable; so much so that one is inclined to demand from them standards one would not look for elsewhere. The ordinary student in a school does not come for much mention in public, and I therefore take this opportunity of thanking the boys of Wah Yan, and I do not mean merely the prize-winners, but all for their loyalty and spirit during the past year."

"Those whose absences account for the remaining 4 per cent. have in the main genuine reasons for being away. Some—very few indeed, I must admit—did during the course of the last few years, now and again play truant. With fees paid to the end of one term they did not appear after the holidays. It was only when parents or guardians asked for a report months afterwards—and in one case a year and a half afterwards—that we found out that boys whom we had crossed off our rolls were supposed to be still with us. Care on the part of parents or guardians, insistence on seeing and regularity in signing the report books which the boys must submit to them at the end of each month, would circumvent such happenings."

"May I refer here to the words of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education, England, which I quoted in 1933: 'Parents are and must remain primarily responsible for the education of their children.' Nothing can or should divert them of that responsibility when the child is old enough to go to school, that responsibility is still paramount. It is for the state and the school to supplement the parents, not to supplant them.' The same truth is stated clearly and definitely by His Late Holiness, Pope Pius XI, in his Encyclical on the Christian Training of Youth. Parents are inclined to throw too much responsibility on the school,

where, after all, the child spends but six hours out of the twenty-four. Greater co-operation with the school authorities would be to the advantage of parents, pupils and teachers."

SCHOOLS INSPECTOR'S PRAISE

"Mr. Ralston inspected the school on November 28 and 29. In a very favourable report, in which he points out certain things that might be improved, he ends with these words: 'Once again it gives me great pleasure to express great commendation for the general organisation of the school. Text-books are carefully chosen, and the time-tables and syllabuses are beyond reproach.'"

"The results in the Matriculation were very good. Of the 32 who sat for the Examination 23 passed with seven distinctions. More gratifying was the fact that four students, Messrs. Sim Ka Sun, Yu Ping Chung, Yu Suk Shiu, and Lai King Shung were called for Government scholarships. Two did not accept as the conditions did not fit in with the careers they had marked out for themselves, one already held a Donor scholarship. One accepted. Of the 23 who passed 14 entered universities, all except 2 the Hongkong University."

"The only comment I should like to make is a minor one. It would be more helpful, I think to Heads of Schools and to Prefects of Studies if the actual marks gained by the candidates were given, as of old, at least on request. Boys who fail may wish to repeat the examination, and the system of averages while helping authorities to see how classes are taught leaves them in the dark with regard to the individual student. The actual marks give an accurate estimate of both."

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAM

"In the School Certificate examination 61 passed of whom five secured honours. The number of honours was below expectation, but not unduly so, as only one school got more than six. It is wise to keep the standard in Honours high, even very high, else this special encumbrance will cease to have real value. The examination itself, held this year for the second time, worked smoothly and well. It does very adequately fulfil the purpose for which it was instituted. It is, however, impossible to please everybody."

"It has been stated that the standard in Mathematics was not sufficiently high, and, on the other hand, that the marking in English erred on the severe side. I am inclined to agree with both comments. I regret very much that Biblical Knowledge will cease to be an Examination Subject after this year. Further, I think that the successful candidate's photograph should be attached to the certificate. Parents and employers should remember that this certificate represents the completion of Class 2. It fulfils excellently a local need. The standard is higher than

that of the old Junior Local Examination, but it should be recognised that it does not and cannot take the place of the Class I Examination."

"If therefore parents wish to send their children into the world with the full course of secondary education as provided by the schools of the Colony behind them, they should leave them in school until the completion of Class I. In connection with this examination, our very sincere thanks are due to the Hongkong Teachers' Association for the excellent work done by it in connection with the preparation of syllabuses."

"In the Diocesan Catechetical Examination 67 boys were presented, of whom 58 passed with five distinctions and 29 honours. The need of the world to-day is not so much for men of intellectual and physical excellence, as men of staunch moral character. Very great stress is therefore laid on systematic moral training, which holds an important place in the curriculum of every class in the school. We are not satisfied with theory, but encourage in every way the practical expression of those qualities of uprightness, self-sacrifice and thought for others which are the real basis of good citizenship. This year more than any other we can be proud of our boys in this regard. You have heard what Class I has done. Class IIA, not to be outdone, has organised another work of real charity, a free night school for poor boys. There are 160 boys on roll."

WAR RELIEF

"The War Relief Association, which comprises all the present boys, the members of the Past Students' Association, the students of the Sacred Heart School, and the members of their families, have done magnificently. In the year ending October 10, when we had a general meeting of the Association in the Oriental Theatre, they had gathered nearly \$10,000 (mostly in cents) which, converted into medical supplies and clothing by the association, were despatched to centres in China. If from the midst of such a host of willing workers I must single out any one for a special word of thanks it would be Mr. Ko Fook Son, our President, and Mrs. Kwan Man Wal, under whose expert supervision the various articles are prepared."

"The supplement the money brought in by the ordinary collection, the various classes organised raffles. At the St. Vincent de Paul Bazaar last November, the students ran a stall and took in some \$1,800 which, when all expenses were paid, gave a net profit of nearly \$1,100 for the poor."

PAST STUDENTS

"The Wah Yan Past Students' Association is flourishing and held many meetings during the year; not as many as in previous years, as these were sacrificed to the more pressing need of work for the war sufferers. Many of our Past Students are at present working in

the refugee camps, and are also connected with charitable organisations in the Colony.

"The aim of the Association is to keep its members in touch with the College and with one another, so that those who can may help those who need help. As I said last year there are two things which I should like members to do:

1. To increase the membership by getting into contact with old boys not yet on the rolls. That, I must say, is being done very enthusiastically at present, and by no one more than by Mr. Lim Hoy Lan, former Headmaster of the College, and

2. In accordance with the aims of the Association to give a helping hand to boys who graduate from the College each year by employing them if they have vacancies themselves or by informing us of such vacancies as come under their notice. We, on our part, undertake to present only such students as are suitable. The task of finding work for our boys is always a big one. It will be made easier through the co-operation of the past.

"The spirit of the Association seems to be catching. In most of the upper Classes Clubs have been formed with the idea of perpetuating the links which bind them in school.

PHYSICAL TRAINING

"Physical Training.—Each Class has two half-hour periods per week in a course drawn up by the Supervisor of Physical Training. The College is run in the "House System" with eight Houses, each divided into three Grades formed on the basis of height. This, though by no means perfect, enables the greatest number to take part in the various House Competitions, in basketball, volleyball, football, and for the really energetic ping pong, which are held during the course of the year. The same is adopted for our Annual Sports—which, by the way, are being held this year at Caroline Hill, on Thursday, March 23rd—in the preliminary Heats of which last year some 500 boys took part, a number which is certain to be exceeded this year. In the finals White House emerged Champions.

"In the Interscholar Sports we did not do too badly. We had one or two very good athletes, but we had to yield place to better combinations. During the summer months picnics, walks, and launch trips help to keep the boys in form, while their enthusiasm for swimming is encouraged by a swimming gala and by the Interscholar competitions. Whether it is the result of these activities or not I cannot say, but the health bill of the school has been exceptionally good.

"Other Activities.—As an aid to intellectual improvement I may mention three things: (1) the school library with some 3,000 books, which is managed by the boys themselves under the direction of one of the Fathers. It is very well patronised. (2) A free period in the school day when boys are encouraged to do private reading. (3) An English and a Mandarin Debating Society which meet on alternate weeks and which are a great help to the boys in attaining fluency in the two languages. A very gratifying feature of these debates is the number of extempore speeches that are made. I will not say that all are perfect, they are not, but one can notice a definite improvement as the year goes on.

HEALTH

"Eye-Inspection.—In accordance with the Government scheme for

eye-inspection, every boy in Class 8—and this year, for the first time, every boy in Class 5—was examined by Dr. S. N. Chau, who, since the launching of the scheme, has undertaken the arduous duties of ophthalmologist to the School. To him and to our devoted medical adviser Dr. Y. Y. Tang, our very hearty thanks are due. Dr. Chau, moreover, has a second claim upon our gratitude, for he has most generously offered a scholarship to the school—the first Donor Scholarship that Wah Yan has received. We offer our very sincere thanks to Dr. Chau.

"I wish once again to thank the boys for the fine spirit that obtains in the College; the Masters for their sterling work, loyal service and their generosity in helping in activities which do not come within the actual sphere of their school life; the friends who have honoured with their presence here to-day, and in a very special way the busy Vice-Chancellor of the University who has broken into a busy day to come here to distribute the prizes. We have further to thank him for the very great pleasure of having Mrs. Sloss with us.

FR. DONNELLY'S TRIBUTE

"And now before I close I have a message to the boys of this year's Class I. It is not from me but from your Form-master, Fr. Donnelly, and I endorse every word of it. "I speak now, not to our visitors but to the boys before me, to my own very dear Class I, and to all those, prizewinners and others, who will in their turn pass through the upper classes in Wah Yan and out into the great world. Boys, never before did I feel so proud of Wah Yan as I did during those hectic days of last December, when the call to labour for your own people came to you, and found you eager and prepared. Never before, for never before has such an opportunity presented itself, had I seen the lessons which Wah Yan would teach her sons put so spontaneously, so whole-heartedly, so unhesitatingly into action. Watching your ready self-sacrifice, your kindness, your patience, your keenness to help and to be of service, one could not but feel that here was a Leaving-Class worthy, fully worthy, of the fine traditions of the past.

"You have called your Class organisation "The Sword Club". It is a splendid name; a name which speaks of courage and chivalry, of martial virtue and of the glories of ancient China. Into your hands I commit confidently the honour of the school; and I trust that those who follow along your path will follow in spirit and loyalty, so that you and they may in your measure always be, in Hilaire Belloc's ringing phrase: "The most splendid of Human Swords."

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH

Mr. D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor of the University, said at the conclusion of the prize distribution:—

"The main interest of Fr. Gallagher's Report to all of us must be as a record of the many aided activities of the school. A school is, of course, first of all a place of learning. There we learn to live, that is, we learn the things useful for a good life. Fr. Gallagher's Report sufficiently emphasises this, and we can offer our congratulations to him on the splendid record of successes in the Matriculation and the School Certificate Examinations.

"These results are in no way surprising. A visit that I paid to the school some months ago leaves me with the conviction that the good results in these examinations are not the result of careful in-

tensive teaching or of cramming in the examination classes but of the careful organisation and teaching throughout the school. I well remember the liveliness and spirit one of the Jesuit Fathers infused into a Latin Grammar Lesson—generally the dulllest episode in the school week—and the lively response and enjoyment of his pupils.

"Twenty-seven old boys of this school are at present in the University. More of the same quality would be welcome. Any school with teachers of average competence, if it sets itself to do it, can get creditable examination results, but the mark of a really good school is what the pupils do in addition to that attendance which is such a remarkably good feature of the school.

"The record in the report on war relief is highly creditable. All Hongkong knows how much has been done by Fr. Ryan, Fr. Kennedy and Fr. Donnelly; and with this splendid example before them it was inevitable that the boys of the school set up a good record. The chief quality of that record is that it is one of personal service, not merely the collecting of other people's money for the joy of spending it.

"During the Christmas holidays I saw at Fanling enough of the work done by Fr. Ryan and the boys of this school to recognise that here was something far more honourable to the doers than the mere collecting of funds. But although you can take great credit for what you have done I would venture to remind students that whatever they have done, they are not the heroes of the war.

HEROES OF THE WAR

"The war has produced two heroes; one, Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, the great man who controls Chinese policy and by the influence of a great personality, clear eyes, firm will and unswerving devotion to a great ideal, has welded the Chinese people into a unity such as has never before been seen in its long history.

"The second hero of the war is the poor peasant who, taken from his village, clad in inadequate uniform and inadequately armed, has manned the trenches, the roadside, and the ditches, dying by thousands after suffering incredibly from hunger, disease and wounds. Time after time he has held the advance of an army infinitely better armed and probably better led. Marshal Chiang Kai Shek and the common soldier, these are the men to whom the supreme honours go.

SCHOOL SPORTS

"The record of school sports is, in one respect, entirely admirable, and that is in the large number of participants in athletic sports, in games and in swimming. I do not know whether the school records in Athletic events are good or bad; that seems to me to be a matter of very little importance compared with the willing participation of boys in the organised games of the school. Record-making is nothing as compared with the physical and moral training following whole-hearted participation in game, for this is a thing of enduring value for all. But clearly, in this school as in all schools in Hongkong, athletics can be pursued only by overcoming the grave difficulty, the lack of athletic playing fields.

"There is need of immediate extension of playgrounds and open spaces in the Colony. Although

nothing adequate can be supplied in the crowded parts of the town, the resources of the Colony are not yet by any means exhausted; for example, the filling of the Aberdeen Creek, an engineering work of no great difficulty, would, at relatively little cost, give at least 100 acres of good ground. This utilization of half of this in development of the Colony would undoubtedly cover all the cost of reclamation, and would leave the Government in a position to assign an area of 50 acres for games and recreation. It is sincerely to be hoped that the Colonial Government will, before long, see its way to undertaking this valuable service for the future of the community.

"Things said in the Report about the Photographic Club, the Library, and the Free Night School, all are evidence of the school's health, and they are not an unexpected part of the record, for the boys of this school are fortunate in attending an institution, organised and taught by the members of the Society of Jesus. Rightly regarded they are in a proud position; they have the services of a body of highly educated, cultured men who for the highest reasons of conscience have devoted their lives to the teaching of boys and young men. For two and a half centuries of Europe and for long in America, members of the Society have trained a host of young men whose names will be remembered for the services they have rendered to their respective states. The boys of this school have it in their power to be enrolled in this proud list.

SERVICE TO COLONY

It is very difficult to over-estimate the services that the Society renders to the Colony. I may add, that the university too is indebted to them. Fr. Byrne has come to our assistance as a lecturer on very many occasions, and since my arrival in the Colony I have been continually indebted to him for wise advice and friendly counsel. Fr. Kelly is Warden of a University Hostel where the students are happy and the discipline is good; the highest praise that one can give to such a place. Fr. Cooney, a trained engineer, has always given of his expert technical knowledge and his wisdom, for the help of the University. And lately, we have had to welcome a fourth Father of the Society: Fr. Casey, who has brought a breath of life into the Geography teaching of the University.

In conclusion I would like to thank Father Gallagher for his invitation to me to be present at this Prize Distribution and for giving me an opportunity publicly to acknowledge the services of the Members of the Society to the University of Hongkong.

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION EXAMINATION

Chao Wing Ip, Chow Pak Hang, Chu Chee Man, Chung Chun Tin (Distinction in Elementary and Advanced Mathematics), Chung Shiu Cheung, Ho Sai Keung, Ho Sai Kong, Lai King Shung (Scholarship and Distinction in Elementary and Advanced Mathematics), Lee Khai Yau, Li Hing Tong, Li Hor Chung, Luk Mang Wai (Distinction in Biblical Knowledge), Ma Pak She (Distinction in Biblical Knowledge), Poon Lam Fong, Sim Kah Sun (Qualified for Government Scholarship), Distinction in Elementary Mathematics), Tam King Wai, Tsang Chun Kan, Tseng Yuan Chung, Tsui Koon Fong, Wong Yuk Kwan, Wu Chin Sui, Yu Ping Tsung (Qualified for Government Scholarship), Yu Shuk Siu, (Government Scholarship).

BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

Honours:—Chung Heung Kui, Koo Wing Chiu, Kwan Kay Chor, Wong Chin Wah, and Yu Kwai Ko.

Pass:—Chan Cheung Chuen, Chan Chung Wang, Chan Frances, Chan Kwoi Chun, Chan Suk Kwan, Chan Kam Hol, Chiu Chung Lun, Chiu See

GOLF CLUB MEETING

CAPTAIN'S SPEECH IN PROPOSING RESOLUTION

Hon. Mr. Dodwell's Support
Of New Clubhouse Scheme

The following speeches and report of the general discussion at the extraordinary general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club held on Friday evening, at which a resolution was passed empowering the Committee to proceed with plans for the construction of a new clubhouse, involving a sum of \$400,000, was unavoidably held over from Saturday's issue.

Mr. G. S. Archbutt, Captain of the Club, in proposing the resolution, said in part:—

"Gentlemen.—This meeting has been called to consider a scheme for building a new Clubhouse at Fanling. The resolution before you will, if adopted, empower your Committee to proceed with the scheme and will also provide for the necessary finance. I think there is no question that a new Clubhouse is needed. At the present time the Men's Clubhouse is crowded and inconvenient, the Dressing Room accommodation is inadequate, the Living accommodation is uncomfortable, the Lounge entirely inadequate, and in addition the Building itself has arrived at the stage where it has outlived its economic life.

"The Ladies' Clubhouse in spite of improvements is no longer adequate, the Dressing Room accommodation is insufficient and at times so crowded as to make it almost impossible to find a place to sit down.

"A scheme for the erection of a new building was presented to Members at an Extraordinary General Meeting in October 1933 but was not proceeded with. I think it might fairly be stated that the reason which was predominant at that time was that conditions generally were such as to make it inopportune to proceed with the project. The decision was that the matter should be postponed. There was, however, a general indication of a desire for a new Clubhouse, and it was decided that a Building Fund should be commenced, to which Entrance Fees and any surplus funds should be allocated.

BUILDING FUND INAUGURATED
"The Fund was actually inaugurated in 1934, and appeared in

the Balance Sheet for the first time in that year when it stood at the figure of \$22,408. To-day it stands at a figure of over \$92,000. It was never contemplated that we should allow the Fund to accumulate until it had reached a figure sufficient to pay for the completed Building in its entirety, and in fact to work on such a principle would mean that some at least of our Members who put up with the crowding and inconvenience of our present Clubhouses would never enjoy the new Clubhouse for which they had helped to provide the funds. It is the opinion of your Committee that the Fund has now reached such proportions as to warrant our embarking on a new building.

"The scheme now before you contemplates an expenditure of some four lakhs of dollars. It is not possible to be more exact at the present stage. It is necessary, however, to be on the safe side, and for that reason we are assuming that the cost will be approximately four lakhs when the Building is completed and furnished ready for occupation.

"The layout of the new Building is such that those who have studied the plans will see at once that the men are accommodated in one section while the other section provides for the needs of Lady Members.

PROPOSED ACCOMMODATION

"I do not propose to take you in detail through the accommodation, but I will refer to the salient features. There is ample Dressing Room accommodation. There are two Dining Rooms, two Lounges, a Card Room upstairs, an adequate Bar for men only and a Cocktail Bar in the Ladies Lounge, 18 Double Bed Rooms in the Ladies' Section, 29 Single Bed Rooms and one

Double in the Men's Section, and in addition as at present designed one Suite i.e. Double Bed Room with Sitting Room. All the Bed Rooms are outside rooms and all rooms have plenty of light and air. The Double Bed Rooms each have a Bath and Lavatory, and there are in addition outside Lavatories. In the Men's Section the Bed Rooms all have built-in Cupboards, hot and cold water laid on, and provision is made for showers, baths, and lavatories at the end of the Building.

"The actual cost to our Members of this accommodation will be very little greater than it is at present. It is our intention that lodging and meals shall be available to our Members at the lowest possible cost in keeping with the principle which we have always had before us of providing all the amenities as reasonably as possible.

"The previous scheme was criticised from the point of view of its cost. The present scheme involves an expenditure of practically the same amount, but it does provide more accommodation in the way of Bed Rooms and is in the opinion of your Committee a better general layout and a better building. The site on which the Clubhouse will be erected is the Men's Clubhouse and garden which we believe to be the best site available. The new Building will be built round the present Clubhouse and will, at least until the latter stages of its construction, not interfere with the present building.

It is our intention that fitting shall be of the best quality, and the question of "screening" will be carefully considered.

FINANCE

"We now come to the question of Finance. We have worked on the basis that we shall require to borrow an amount of \$300,000, though it is probable that we shall not require so much. We have, as I have already mentioned, over \$92,000 in the Building Fund and in addition we also have money on Current Account which will be available.

"We must also remember that during the construction of the Building which will occupy at least a year money will be coming in, and I think it safe to say therefore that it is unlikely that we shall have to borrow as much as \$300,000. It is necessary, however, for us to provide for this possibility, and in our calculations we have worked on the basis of \$15,000 a year interest and \$10,000 for Sinking Fund for the repayment of the overdraft.

"The Hongkong Bank have readily come to our assistance and intimated their willingness to advance to the Club on a Current Account overdraft the necessary funds up to three lakhs at a rate of 5 per cent. interest. The advantage of this method of borrowing is that we only pay for what we use.

"It is of course obvious that as the general indebtedness is decreased the amount required to be provided for interest is reduced, leaving a larger amount to be applied to the repayment of the principal, and on this basis we calculate that by making the provision we propose in the way of increased Subscriptions etc. we should be able to repay our indebtedness in 15 years.

"We now turn to the method of Finance, and it will be apparent

to you from the resolutions before you that we propose to do this by the adoption of two principles:—

(1) That all Members should contribute something, and (2) That those who play most pay most.

"The increase in Subscription proposed, without going into the various details, is approximately \$1.50 per Member. The old scheme provided for a flat increase in Subscription of \$3.—per Member but did not envisage Green Fees. We believe the present system to be the fairer, and I cannot think that Members can raise any strong objection to an increase in Subscription of 1s. 10d. a month. No increase is called for from Non-Playing Members or from Members of the Junior Section who do not enjoy the amenities at Fanling.

"With regard to the Green Fees proposed, these apply only to Fanling, and all players will still be able to play at Deep Water Bay and at Happy Valley without incurring Green Fee. What we propose is that for each round of 18 holes at Fanling a Green Fee of 20 cents will be charged; for 9 holes the Fee will be 10 cents, and here again I cannot see how this can be considered to be a heavy charge. I know that there is a feeling among members of Clubs generally that once a Subscription is raised it never comes down. I should like to say at once that it would be the intention to reduce the Subscription as soon as conditions permit, and I repeat once more that our whole object at all times is to make it possible to play golf as cheaply as possible.

GENERAL FINANCE

"And now a few words as to Finance generally. Including 1933 and up to date the Club's financial position has improved greatly. The actual position of our liquid assets and current liabilities at the 30th September 1932 was a credit balance of \$969 i.e. the excess of stocks, accounts, receivable, and cash over creditors, debentures, and Bank Overdraft. On the 30th September 1933 a similar comparison showed a credit balance of \$25,589, and in addition a Building Fund of over \$83,000. It must also be remembered that during that period considerable alterations were made to the Ladies' Clubhouse and repairs and alterations made to the Men's Clubhouse necessitated by the abandonment of the new Clubhouse scheme, which with Furniture etc. involved an expenditure of some \$30,000, so that it is obvious that the Club has flourished in spite of all conditions and circumstances, and in my opinion it will continue to be well supported whatever the general position in the Colony may be. So far as the financial side of the proposal is concerned therefore, we need have no fears of the future.

"In proposing the resolution before you I commend the scheme to you for your favourable consideration, and I may say that it has the whole-hearted approval and support of your Committee. A great deal of hard work has been put into this scheme, and it would not be right for me to close without saying how much we are indebted to Mr. Feltham who co-opted on to the Building Sub-Committee, and to Mr. Lissaman. These two gentlemen have spent a great deal on the layout and design of the Building, and I think you will all agree with me that our

Him, Chiu Shuk Ming, Chung Chee Ting, Chung Wah Cheung, Fok Anthony, Fok Yee Chee, Ip Sik Ming, Hon Kit, Kwok Chi Tai, Kwok Rain, Lai Tseng Chuang, Lau Luen, Lau Yick Bor, Lau Yoy Heng, Lee Hon Wing, Leung Cho Fat, Leung Hing Lau, Leung Kai Kee, Leung Ping Fel, Leung Ping Yan, Leung Yun Pui, Li Yee Kee, Lo Man Sik, Lo Sui Tung, Lo Wing Kuen, Lui Kar Yee, Luk Shiu Lung, Ma Pak Wal, Ma Yin Wah, Mar Fu Hong, Ng Chik Hing, Ngai Ping Kien, San Cho Yiu, San Wai Yin, Tai Tim Wing, Tam Kwong Tin, Tam Kwong To, Tong Shiu Hang, Wong Chung Ming, Wong Sik Ham, Wong Tung Fan, Yan Ronald, Yau Hing Wan, Yau Wai Ching, Yee Wing Kwong, Yeung Hat Kong, Yeung Lin Kee, Yeung Sau Mang and Tosit Sibunruang.

CLASS PRIZES

Class 3A.—1. Ho Nga Ming; 2. Sin Lin Lau; 3. Ching George.
Class 3B.—1. Yip Fai Yiu; 2. Tang Wing Kee; 3. Chan Ping Kuen.
Class 3C.—1. Leung Che Tai; 2. Fan Chun Lam; 3. Chan Ming Sui.
Class 3D.—1. Fann Yao Hwa; 2. Ma Leung Ying; 3. Chung Ping Lam.
Class 4A.—1. Tsang How Leung; 2. Yuen Sau Wood; 3. Yee Shiu Wah.
Class 4B.—Ho Cheuk Kau; 2. Wong Yiu Kee; 3. Fung Loi, Peter.
Class 4C.—1. Ip Shing Lam; 2. Woo Man Kui; 3. Ngai Suet Chung.
Class 4D.—1. Chiu Ling Yan; 2. Ho Man Chit; 3. Lau Wal.
Class 5A.—1. Wong Fook Chee; 2. Au Yeung Kwong Lim; 3. Ma Wing Cheuk.
Class 5B.—1. Kam Sing; 2. Chang Shiu Yin; 3. Cheng Sheng Kab.

Class 5C.—1. Chan Po Cheong; 2. Chung Yu Chih; 3. Wong Man Chi.
Class 6A.—Tang Pak Hei; 2. Lui Chan Kwan; 3. Pang Kai Tin.
Class 6B.—1. Chung Kwai Choi; 2. Li Yuk Cheong; 3. Lau Kwai Sum.
Class 6C.—1. Lai Sou On; 2. Chu Chun Sing; 3. Pao Man Yuk.

Class 7A.—1. Lim Thuan Chu; 2. Wai Ka Chung; 3. Lei Hin Wing.
Class 7B.—1. Yu Cho Min; 2. Wong King Woon; 3. Chung Yok Kai.
Class 7C.—1. Yu Cho Min; 2. Wong King Woon; 3. Chung Yok Kai.
Class 7D.—1. Wu, Peter; 2. Cheng Kam Toi; 3. Yue See Yook.
Class 7E.—1. Lui Sit Bong; 2. Tang Yih Chee; 3. Wong Man Yuet.

Class 8A.—1. Mow Man Chan; 2. Lam Chuen Huen; 3. Au Yeung Kam Fai.
Class 8B.—1. Wong Kwai Lam; 2. Shiu Sui Keung; 3. Lee Tze Yuen.
Class 8C.—1. Yuen Man Hang; 2. Jong Kin Guy; 3. Tong Chee On.

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Class 2. Wong Chin Wah.
Class 3. Sin Lin Lau.
Class 4. Tsang How Leung.
Class 5. Wong Fook Chee.
Class 6. Lo Tse Tung.
Class 7. Lim Thuan Chu.
Class 8. Mow Man Chan.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Religious Knowledge:—Gold Medal, Xu Kwai Ka.
English Debate:—Gold Medal, Choa Wing Ip; Silver Medal, Yu Ping Tsung.
Mandarin Debate:—Gold Medal, Lai Tsang Chuang; Silver Medal, Wong Chiu Wah.

architects have produced a building incorporating our requirements which in appearance and design will be worthy of our magnificent property at Fanling.

Mr. Dodwell: Seconder

Seconding the resolution, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell said, in part:—

"Mr. Archbutt and Gentlemen.—Those of you who were present at the rebuilding discussion in 1933 will remember that I spoke against the scheme at that time, and have ever since been regarded by quite a number of the rebuilding enthusiasts as mainly responsible for putting the lid on their programme.

"Personally, I am quite satisfied that I was merely one amongst a very large majority who felt that the finances of the Club at that time did not justify so ambitious a programme. Events have proved that we pessimists of 1933 were wrong. The Club has gone from strength to strength and seems to thrive in bad as well as in good times. It is therefore with much satisfaction that I seize the opportunity to-day to make amends for the discomfort my fellow-pessimists and I may have caused members during the past six years, by recommending that we wholeheartedly support the present reconstruction programme which has been so carefully considered by the Committee, and so clearly put before us tonight by the Captain.

WORLD UNCERTAINTY.

"Uncertainty as to the future of the Colony in 1933 was one of the factors on which we pessimists laid great stress. It may be argued that the Colony's future is still obscure, but so is the future of the world and if we are to wait until

every factor becomes favourable for rebuilding, few of us present members are ever likely to sample the comforts of the imposing Clubhouse the Committee have planned for us. Experience since 1933 in dealing with the uncertainties of the future have taught me that the best course is to go ahead just as if no uncertainties existed, and that is what the Golf Club should do. After all, we can afford to adopt that course better than most clubs, for I'm perfectly sure that whatever happens in the future, nothing will ever seriously disturb the popularity of the great game of golf.

"I am confident that every member agrees with the Committee that a rebuilding programme has now become absolutely essential. The present Clubhouse is an ugly blot on a beautiful landscape, and entirely inadequate for our ever increasing requirements. Our only consideration would seem to be whether the outlay of four lakhs of dollars is too ambitious. It sounds a lot of money, but, taking into consideration the present healthy state of our finances, I am all in favour of making a really good all-time job of our new premises, provided that we get full value for our money. In the scheme now presented, I am satisfied that we shall get value for our money.

"As to the Committee's proposal to increase the subscription by \$1.50 per month, this is perhaps a somewhat delicate matter for a life member to express an opinion about. (Laughter). I can, however vouch for it, as one who has played golf in many countries in the world, that nowhere else, can a golfer get as much value for \$102 per annum, or to put it into sterling £8.6.0. per annum, as we shall in Hongkong when the new Clubhouse is completed.

"The ground has been so fully covered by the Captain in his remarks that there is little more for me to add. I have studied the plans myself and have submitted them to the technical sanitary and construction experts on my staff, and as a result I have no hesitation in proposing that we authorise the Committee to go ahead.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED

Voicing as his opinion that the "proposal before the meeting was economically unsound" Mr. Evans then proposed his amendment, entering into details of the club's financial position and the cost of working hitherto. He was seconded by Mr. K. S. Robertson.

General discussion then followed. Mr. C. C. Black asked if any arrangements had yet been made between the committee and Government with regard to the question of tenure of land. The Chairman replied that negotiations were proceeding.

In reply to another member, Mr. H. Page, who remarked that he thought the present clubhouse was quite adequate, the Chairman said: I can only say that if you had passed the clubhouse scheme in 1933 and agreed to the subscriptions we then asked you to pay, you would practically have paid for it by now. It is the duty of every committee of this club to look ahead. We cannot provide for just immediate needs. If we had, you would now have no Fanling. Instead of having one of the finest golf courses in the Far East, I say that if all of you support the scheme unanimously, you need have no fear as to the future."

After further discussion, the amendment proposed by Mr. Evans was put to the meeting. It was supported by only a small show of hands. The Chairman then put the original resolutions to the gathering. Greeted by a

forest of uplifted palms, they were declared carried by a very large majority.

THE RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Committee be authorized to proceed with the construction of a new Club House at Fanling on the lines of provisional plans which have been open to inspection to Members at the Office of the Club.

2. That the Committee be authorized to expend upon the construction, furnishing and equipment of the Club House and its approaches a sum not exceeding \$400,000.00.

3. That the Committee be authorized to borrow funds for the above purposes from time to time up to but not exceeding the sum of \$300,000.00.

4. That as from the first day of July 1939, or such date as the committee in its discretion should decide, the following subscriptions shall be charged:—

(a) Playing Members \$8.50 per month.

(b) Non-playing Members \$3.00 per month.

(c) Subscribers \$8.50 per month.

(d) Class "A" Playing Associate Members relatives of Playing Members \$2.50 per month.

(e) All other Associate Playing Members (except the Junior Section) \$3.00 per month.

(f) Class "B" Non-playing Associate Members \$5.00 per annum.

(g) Members of the Junior Section \$2.00 per month.

(h) Associate Members (Junior Section) \$5.00 per annum.

5. That the Committee be authorized to charge a Green fee of 20 cents per round of 18 holes or less on the Old or New Courses at Fanling and a fee of 10 cents per round of nine holes or less on the Relief Course at Fanling.

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